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SUBJECT: (U) KIDNAPPING AND DEATH OF AMBASSADOR DUBS

1. (U) DEPARTMENT REQUESTS AT YOUR EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY  
A POST-ACTION TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF THE SEIZURE AND DEATH  
OF AMBASSADOR DUBS. YOUR REPORT WILL BE OF CRUCIAL VALUE  
IN ASSESSING AND STRENGTHENING SECURITY PROGRAMS, IN  
RESPONDING TO PRESS INQUIRIES AND TO POSSIBLE  
CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THIS MATTER. WITH THE  
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PARTICIPATION OF ALL KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICERS, ASK THAT  
YOU PROVIDE A COMPLETE CHRONOLOGICAL RUNDOWN OF THE  
EVENTS AND INCLUDE RESPONSES, AMONG OTHERS, TO THE  
SPECIFIC POINTS OUTLINED BELOW.

2. (S) SPECIFIC QUESTIONS INCLUDE:

A. (C) WHAT WAS AMBASSADOR'S SCHEDULE/CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 14? WAS HIS DRIVER OR ANY OTHER NON-AMERICAN AWARE OF THE SCHEDULE INCLUDING PLANNED MOVEMENTS DURING THE DAY? IS THE SAME ROUTE USED FOR THE TRAVEL IN PROGRESS WHEN THE ATTACK OCCURRED?

B. (C) WHAT WAS AMBASSADOR'S DESTINATION WHEN SEIZED? WAS HE NORMALLY TRAVELING AT THIS TIME MOST DAYS? WHICH VEHICLE WAS IN USE? WHO WAS THE DRIVER? HOW LONG HAS HE BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE EMBASSY? WAS THE DRIVER ARMED? WHAT BECAME OF THE DRIVER AFTER THE SEIZURE TOOK PLACE? WHAT TRAINING OR INSTRUCTIONS WERE PROVIDED THE DRIVER CONCERNING DEFENSIVE DRIVING MEASURES? WAS RADIO IN USE FOR DEPARTURES, ARRIVALS, OR ATTACK? IS BODY ARMOR ON HAND FOR THE AMBASSADOR AND WAS IT IN USE? IS THERE ANY INDICATION THE CHAUFFEUR WAS INVOLVED IN THE PLOT?

C. (C) ARE AFGHANI PROTECTIVE OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO THE AMBASSADOR OR WAS A REQUEST FOR SUCH HOST COUNTRY ASSISTANCE MADE? WHAT RESPONSE OR COVERAGE WAS GIVEN BY AFGHANI OFFICIALS, IF ANY? ARE ANY OTHER AMBASSADORS IN KABUL ACCORDED HOST COUNTRY POLICE PROTECTIVE COVERAGE DURING MOVEMENTS?

D. (C) HAVE THERE BEEN ANY THREATS, EXPRESSED OR  
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IMPLIED, TO THE AMBASSADOR OR THE EMBASSY IN RECENT DAYS OR WEEKS?

E. (S) CONCERNING THE SEIZURE ITSELF: HOW MANY PERSONS WERE INVOLVED IN THE BLOCKING ACTION AND SEIZURE? WERE SOME DRESSED IN POLICE UNIFORMS AS REPORTED EARLIER? IS POLICE COLLUSION IN THE ATTACK POSSIBLE OR SUSPECTED? ARE ROADBLOCKS COMMONPLACE IN KABUL? HAVE VEHICLES BELONGING TO THE EMBASSY OR OTHER EMBASSIES FREQUENTLY BEEN STOPPED AT SUCH ROADBLOCKS? HAVE OTHER AMERICANS RECENTLY (SINCE THE NEW GOVERNMENT CAME INTO POWER) BEEN FORCED TO EXIT AUTOMOBILES AT SUCH ROADBLOCKS? WAS THE AMBASSADOR'S VEHICLE BEARING DIPLOMATIC PLATES AND/OR WAS THE FLAG FLYING AT THE TIME OF THE BLOCKING ACTION? WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE DRIVER AT THE ROADBLOCK? IS HE AVAILABLE TO REPORT ON THE INCIDENT? WHAT UNIFORMS WERE WORN BY THOSE WHO STOPPED THE AMBASSADOR'S VEHICLE?

F. (C) CONCERNING THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SEIZURE: WHAT WERE THE IDENTITIES OF THE ATTACKERS? WHAT GROUP

AFFILIATION AND POLITICAL MOTIVATION DID THEY HAVE OR  
LAY CLAIM TO? WERE THEY ARMED AND WITH WHAT? WERE

OTHERS AWAITING THEIR ARRIVAL IN THE HOTEL ROOM? WERE

WEAPONS OR ADDITIONAL ONES CACHED IN THE HOTEL? WERE  
POLICE PRESENT AT THE HOTEL WHEN THE AMBASSADOR AND HIS  
CAPTORS ARRIVED THERE?

G. (S) CONCERNING THE ASSAULT AGAINST THE HOTEL ROOM:  
WHAT IS THE EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF THE TYPE AND LEVEL  
OF TRAINING OF THOSE MAKING THE ASSAULT? WERE THEY  
POLICE OR MILITARY? WHAT ROLE DID THE SOVIET ADVISOR(S)  
PLAY? IS THERE ANY INDICATION OF SOVIET INFLUENCE ON THE  
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GOVERNMENT TO MOVE FOR A RAPID ASSAULT? WHAT KIND OF  
WEAPONS DID THE ASSAULT FORCE USE? WHAT IS THE STATUS  
OF THE ATTACKERS THEMSELVES IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE  
ASSAULT? WHAT COMMENTS DID BOTH THE AFGHANI OFFICIALS  
AND THE SOVIETS ON THE SCENE MAKE AFTER THE ASSAULT  
TOOK PLACE? PENDING MEDICAL EXAMINATION, IS THERE ANY  
INFORMATION TO IDENTIFY THE SOURCE OF THE FATAL BULLETS  
WHICH STRUCK THE AMBASSADOR?

H. (C) REPORTS HAVE BEEN CARRIED IN THE IRANIAN MEDIA  
ALLEGING AFGHAN TERRORIST INVOLVEMENT IN THE SEIZURE  
OF AMERICAN EMBASSY TEHRAN. IS THERE ANY INDICATION,  
BASED ON THE INCIDENT IN KABUL, THAT THE ATTACK THERE  
WAS RELATED OR COORDINATED WITH THAT IN TEHRAN?

3. (U) THESE INTERROGATORIES CERTAINLY DO NOT RULE  
OUT INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS INCIDENT  
IN YOUR CABLE RESPONSE. IN THIS REGARD THE JULY 13,  
1978 STATE AIRGRAM A-2519 (AFTER ACTION REPORT OF  
TERRORIST INCIDENTS) MAY PROVE USEFUL TO YOU. ANY  
ADDITIONAL REPORTING AND YOUR ON-THE-SCENE ASSESSMENT  
IS OF CRITICAL RELEVANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT IN REVIEWING  
THESE EVENTS AND OUR PROCEDURES DESIGNED TO DEAL WITH  
SUCH INCIDENTS.

4. (U) FOR RSS KARACHI: IF YOUR SCHEDULE PERMITS AND  
RSO KABUL CONCURS, WE FEEL IT MIGHT BE PROFITABLE FOR  
YOU TO PROCEED TO KABUL TO ASSIST THE RSO AND THE  
EMBASSY IN THE AFTERMATH OF THIS TRAGEDY. CHRISTOPHER

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